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Officer forced sex, women say

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Six women testified this week that former Venice Police Officer Roland Wilson used his position to intimidate them into unwelcome sexual acts.

But none of the women claimed that Wilson used his service weapon to threaten them.

Wilson, 25, of the 900 block of Fourth Street in Venice, is on trial facing one count each of aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed violence and official misconduct. He is alleged to have forced a Granite City woman to provide sexual favors for him while he was armed and on duty Feb. 2, 1994.

While the victim in the case testified Tuesday that Wilson did not use or threaten to use his service weapon when he forced her to perform oral sex under a train trestle on the McKinley Bridge, she said she was nonetheless intimidated by him.

"I was afraid that (Wilson) would kill me or hurt me," the woman testified.

"He asked me why I was shaking. I told him I was scared and he laughed,"

the woman told the jury.

The woman said that she was on foot on Madison Avenue in Granite City at about 5 a.m. Feb. 2 when Wilson drove by in his Venice patrol car, made a U-turn, and returned to where she was standing.

The woman said Wilson told her he had received a theft complaint against her by a Venice man and told her to get in the car.

But instead of taking the woman to the police station, Wilson first drove under the Venice viaduct and then to a spot under the McKinley Bridge, the victim said.

There he made her take off her coat, drop her pants, pull up her skirt and perform oral sex against her will, she testified.

The woman notified police the next day. While she did not immediately tell police about any threats by Wilson during the alleged abduction, she said she later recalled one.

"He told me they had just found a white boy's body out there not long ago," she recalled.

She also said that Wilson accosted her in December 1993 under the Venice viaduct. But, she said, she didn't tell anyone about that incident because she was ashamed and afraid no one would believe her.

On Wednesday, two other women testified that Wilson assaulted them in his

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Wilson

Keep an eye, leash on pets

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

Although the warm weather that area residents have enjoyed recently is perfect for both people and animals to get outdoors, the Madison County Humane Society is urging owners to keep an eye — and a leash on their pets.

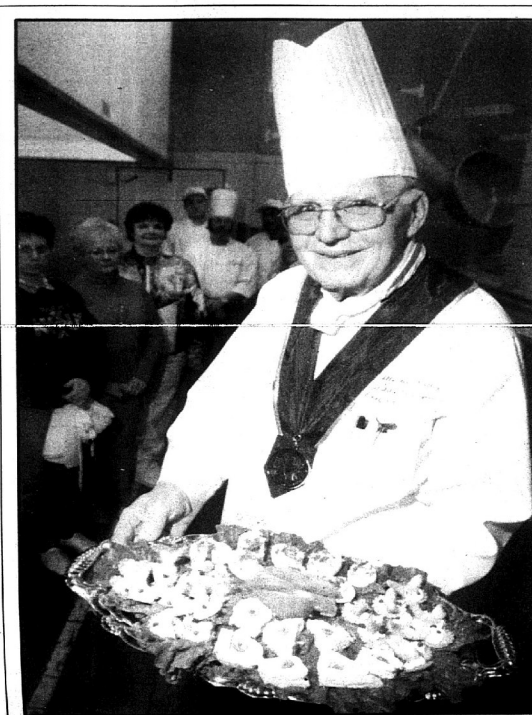
Madison County Humane Society Director Ledy Vankavage said hundreds of pets are lost by owners who let their animals run free. Many of those animals do not find their way back home, are picked up by animal control officers and must be destroyed.

Vankavage said Madison County Animal Control reported 2,054 cats and 3,694 dogs were turned in during 1994. More than 1,300 cats and 2,300 dogs had to be destroyed because they were unable to be returned to their owners or placed in good homes.

"Animal control is only able to keep cats for three days and dogs for five days," Vankavage said. "Most people who let their cats run outside don't even notice their animals are missing for a couple of days."

Vankavage said she hopes the number of animals that have to be destroyed can

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(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Class cooking — Chef Ollie Sommers holds some of the appetizers prepared during a non-credit food class at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus. See stories, more photos on Page 5A.

Ken Hall dies of pneumonia

Illinois State Sen. Kenneth Hall, D-East St. Louis, died Tuesday evening following a two-week bout with pneumonia.

Hall, 79, died at 8:07 p.m. in the intensive care unit of St. Louis University Hospital, according to hospital officials.

He had been admitted to the hospital March 8.

Hall, chairman of the state's Democratic Caucus, was first elected to the Illinois House in 1966, and has served in the Senate since taking Alan Dixon's post in 1971.



Hall

An East St. Louis resident, Hall had represented part of the Tri-City area for a number of years in the 57th District.

The chairman of the Democratic party organizations in St. Clair and Madison counties will have to appoint someone to fill Hall's vacancy.

Hall most recently served on the Senate Appropriations, Executive and Legislative Audit committees.

In 1977, he became the Senate's first black assistant majority leader, a post he held until 1985.

He also served as chairman of the Senate Appropriations II Committee, vice-chairman of the Executive Appointments, Veterans' Affairs and Education committees. He also was a member of the Illinois Council on Children.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 771 Vogel Place, East St. Louis.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 200 S. 2nd St., Belleville.

Hall survived by his wife Anne, 81, four sons, eight granddaughters and 14 great-grandchildren.

Township may eliminate collector job

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The option Granite City Township residents now have of paying their property taxes in person at City Hall may soon end.

The Town Board's Finance Committee voted 2-1 Tuesday night to recommend discontinuing funding for a township tax collector.

Finance Committee Chairman Walter Milton said the local collection gives resi-

dents who want to pay their property taxes in person an additional option.

But trustees Jim Miller and Craig Tarpoiff said that it is a waste of tax dollars to fund a collector at more than \$7,000 a year when residents may also pay their taxes by mail or in person — at no charge — at almost any local bank.

"There are a certain number of people who want to pay their taxes in person but have a problem getting to Edwardsville to do it," Milton said.

"I think it's all hogwash that we even

think about getting rid of our local collector," Milton said.

"And I think it is a total waste of taxpayers' money to pay a collector who can walk across the street and the bank will collect them free," Tarpoiff said.

"This is just a little cush job we are providing for someone," Tarpoiff said.

Venice and Granite City are the only two townships in Madison County with local collections.

Slow distribution of taxes by the county

treasurer in the past made local collection desirable because the various taxing bodies received their money more quickly through distribution by the local collector.

But now, all taxes collected locally now must be sent to the county, which Tarpoiff said is doing a much better job of distributing the proceeds quickly.

"If the distribution becomes slow, we can always re-establish the local collection," Tarpoiff said.

City Treasurer Gail Valler, who oversees

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Labor group makes endorsements

Romine, Wilson supported

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Glenn Romine took a big step forward last week in his bid to become street superintendent in Granite City by capturing the endorsement of organized labor.

Also garnering the endorsement of the Tri-City Chapter of the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, were two incumbent Granite City park commissioners seeking re-election, three challengers, Village President Glen Wilson in Pontoon Beach and members of the party opposing Wilson.

The screening committee of the local labor organization met and interviewed candidates seeking election during two sessions March 4 and 11. The screening committee recommendations were unanimously approved by the delegates to the Tri-City Chapter March 16.

"We asked the candidates a series of questions



Milton



Shipley



Warfield

and based the endorsements on the answers," said Norma Gaines, who chairs the chapter.

Receiving endorsements in Granite City were: Romine for street superintendent; park commissioners Barry Loman and Ron Parente; 2nd Ward alderman candidate Sam Romney; incumbent 3rd Ward Alderman Bob Shipley; incumbent 6th Ward alderman Mac Warfield (seeking a four-year term) and Walter Milton Sr.

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Teens get to see alcohol's effects

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A simulator that allows drivers to see the effects of alcohol first-hand will be one of the featured attractions at a youth conference on drinking and driving in April.

About 15 Granite City High School students will be among the 200 or so participating in the 1995 Youth Alcohol Awareness Conference, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, at Fireman's Hall in Collinsville.

The conference is sponsored by the Madison County D.U.I. Task

Force and is being funded through a \$5,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety.

Many of the displays will give students a "hands-on" look at the problem of drinking and driving, according to Linda Odle, coordinator of the county's D.U.I. task force.

Bruce Frank, one of the sponsors of the Granite City High School Students Against Driving Drunk, said they are planning to take about 15 students to the conference.

"I've heard great things about

it," he said. "We felt it would be a good experience for the students."

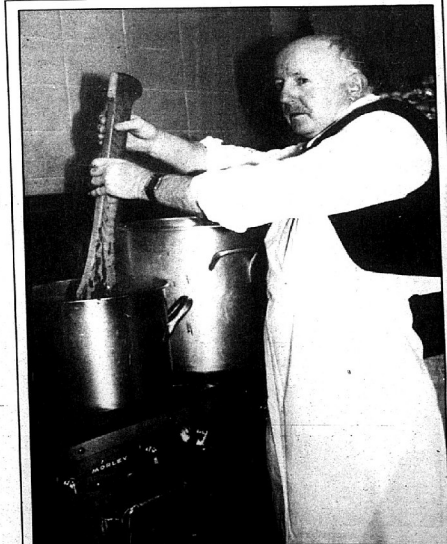
"It explains a lot of things to the kids, and they get to meet other kids who have chosen not to drink and drive," he said.

Frank added he was also looking forward to seeing the simulator.

The Chrysler Neon Drunk Driving Simulator will be one of the more elaborate attractions, Odle said.

"The Simulator is an automobile that licensed drivers can actually drive while

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Stirring — Aaron Adams stirs a pot of chili for the annual Granite City Rotary Chili Day, held March 7 at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church. More photos on Page 9B.

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75 years ago

March 23, 1920

Joe McGraw has been named superintendent of the gas company here. He joined the company in 1908.

Candidate show airs today

"Know Your Candidate," a 45-minute video production of local community access cable television Channel 6 in Granite City, will be shown at 6 p.m. today, Tuesday, March 28, and Thursday, March 30.

The program features presentations by each of the three candidates for street superintendent as well as speeches by each of the aldermanic candidates in Granite City.

Deaths

Jim Weatherall
Leo Stanton
Robert Broomfield
John Edwards
Wilbur Huffstutler
Laura Ready
Wilbourn Weeks
Oscar Grant

Removing the (driving) pressure

Program urges area commuters to share rides

Transportation officials want to put you in the passenger's seat.

The Madison County Transit District is administering a program for the St. Louis metropolitan area encouraging commuters to trade in their lonely trek to work for a car pool.

The program, called RideFinders, is designed not only to reduce air pollution from automobiles but to relieve traffic congestion and make it easier to survive the long, often stressful drive to and from work.

"This is a great benefit without a huge cost attached to it," transit district project manager Sheila Irani said. "Many employees have already put into effect incentive policies like preferential parking to reward employees who ride share."

Commuters throughout the metropolitan area can take advantage of the federally funded ride-sharing program, which covers Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties in Illinois and St. Louis, St. Charles, Franklin and Jefferson counties in Missouri.

More than 10 corporations have added the names of 4,000 employees to the RideFinders

computer database, which matches riders by home, neighborhood and work address.

Union Electric Co., the Magna Group and investment banker A.G. Edwards are three of the companies that have signed on.

The program even has an out for commuters who may miss a ride home because of unexpected overtime or other delays.

Each company appoints a transportation coordinator to manage RideFinders' Guaranteed Ride Home, which allows commuters up to six guaranteed free rides home in a year.

"If you have to leave suddenly, we'll provide a rental car or a taxi, and RideFinders picks up the tab," Irani said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has said the St. Louis region's ozone level is in violation of federal standards. Up to 40 percent of the smog pollution can be attributed to auto exhaust.

Unless those numbers go down within the next 20 months by at least 16 percent, the region could face cuts in federal highway money and St. Louis area businesses may

face strict regulations. Irani said RideFinders can help prevent that.

"If we can get people to take one day off (driving alone) a week, we can relieve the congestion by 14 percent, as well as relieve the ozone problem. If we can show the EPA we're taking a proactive stance, then they won't mandate (car pooling) and put other controls into effect. Let's keep this voluntary."

Nearly 80 percent of bistate commuters drive to work alone. Only 12 percent car pool.

Larry Bussman saves wear and tear on his car each week by car pooling to his job at the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency in St. Louis. Bussman, who lives near Moro, said the best part about the program is stress relief.

"(It) takes the pressure off. On the days I don't drive, I'm more relaxed and can spend more time with my family."

For more information on RideFinders, call (800) VIP-RIDE.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Man arrested on new drug charge

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Madison man on probation for drug possession was arrested Friday on new drug-related charges.

A warrant for Anthony Cortez King, 17, of the 1500 block of Collinsville Avenue, was issued March 16. He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

King was arrested late Friday evening after being spotted by a Madison police officer. King, who was recently sentenced to two years probation in another drug-related case, is in custody at the Madison County Jail. Bond has been set at \$40,000.

The new charges stem from a Feb. 26 incident at the Madison County Housing Authority's Grenzer Garesche Homes.

Woman arrested on cocaine charge

A Venice woman has been charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

According to the Madison County Sheriff's Department, Sheila Coleman, who also goes by the name of Sheila Crisp, 41, was charged Friday, March 10.

According to reports, on March 1, Coleman was taken into custody for shoplifting, and during a search cocaine was found.

Open house set

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has scheduled an open house for persons interested in pursuing a career in nursing.

Prospective nurses are invited to attend the festivities from 2 to 3 p.m. March 30 in the student lounge of the School of Nursing. The lounge is located on the second floor of Classroom Building III.

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Pet lovers — The Florissant, Mo., Pet Care store recently made a donation to the Granite City Association for the Protection of Animals. Pictured from left are Tracy Moore, assistant manager of Pet Care; Linda Schaffer, manager of the store; and Steve Petrosky, A.P.A. member holding his son, Chadd.

Infant CPR course

St. Elizabeth Medical Center is offering an Infant CPR and Safety class which teaches life-saving techniques specifically designed for infants, newborn to one year of age. The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 4.

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News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Wilson, Towns trials begin

Two highly publicized criminal trials with ties to the Granite City area began this week.

On Monday, jury selection began in the first trial of former Venice police officer Roland Wilson, accused of 16 felony charges — including raping or attempting to rape women he had arrested. The trial this week will deal with one charge each of aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed violence and official misconduct. Prosecutors will try cases involving each of six female victims separately.

State budget to cost SEMC

Changing priorities in Gov. Jim Edgar's proposed 1995-1996 budget jeopardize the state's health system, and will cost St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City several million dollars in the coming year, hospital administrators say.

Four areas of the new budget — the extension of the provider tax, the elimination of fees paid to hospitals that care for a high percentage of poor patients, late payment of bills, and a continued freeze on Medicaid rate increases — could cost SEMC up to \$4.3 million, hospital officials said.

Madison schools expect surplus

Unless something unexpected happens, the Madison School District will end the school year with surpluses in all its major funds.

Following a public hearing Thursday, the school board approved a revised budget for the year ending June 30. That budget projects total spending for the district at \$7,356,300. Most of that, about \$6 million, will be in the education fund, which pays for most of the district's day-to-day expenses.

If the district can continue to operate in the black, it might be off of the Illinois State Board of Education's financial watch list in a few years, Superintendent Ken Miller said.

Vote won't sway merf backers

The Madison County Board's vote to back curbside recycling Wednesday hardly signals a lost battle, dirty merf proponents say.

In fact, the war for municipalities' trash may get hotter than ever. "I don't think the vote changes our position one bit," said Steve Viny, president of Norton Environmental, a waste management systems firm proposing a mixed waste recovery facility in the county.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When an individual obtains automobile insurance coverage, several important decisions will have to be made. The person will have to decide whether he wants full coverage or whether he only wants liability coverage to cover the other driver. The consumer will also have to decide the limits of medical pay coverage to cover his or her out-of-pocket medical expenses. One of the most important decisions, however, involves the limit of uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage. Two recent cases will help illustrate the importance of these coverages.

In one recent case, a driver (defendant) ran a red light and collided with the plaintiff's vehicle at an intersection. The plaintiff sustained a concussion, a broken arm, and a broken leg. He spent two weeks in the hospital and had extensive physical therapy. His total medical bills were \$22,000, and his lost wages amounted to \$10,000. The defendant only had a \$20,000 limit under the liability portion of his automobile insurance. Fortunately, the plaintiff had a policy limit of \$50,000 under his underinsured motorist coverage, and therefore he was able to collect the difference (\$30,000) under the terms of his own policy.

In a similar situation, a driver (plaintiff) was rear-ended at a high rate of speed by another driver (defendant). The plaintiff's total medical bills exceeded \$35,000, and in this case the defendant had no automobile insurance. In this situation, the plaintiff had to look to his own uninsured motorist coverage to compensate him for his injuries.

In both of these cases, the plaintiffs would not have been able to receive adequate compensation for their injuries if they had not had the foresight to get adequate levels of coverage under their own automobile policies. Underinsured motorist coverage provides for situations where the defendant does not have adequate levels of liability coverage. Uninsured motorist coverage provides for the injured plaintiff who is struck by the defendant with no insurance. As can be seen from the previous examples, these types of coverage are essential. One should carefully discuss with his own automobile insurance agent what levels of coverage are appropriate for his own unique situation.

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Agro for Elderly

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A redevelopment between the city and local developer is the way for the first city's Tax Incremental District.

Johnson Development Realty Inc. is in securing financing for a 100-unit apartment building for handicapped residents. The project is in the Country View area, near the intersection of the Veterans Memorial Expressway and the Veterans Memorial Expressway.

Bill Thompson, designer, said the project is a continuation of the city's commitment to the handicapped.

On Tuesday, the city approved a back 70 percent tax income.

Cab driver death a suicide

A Madison County jury ruled Wednesday that the death of Kenneth A. Cab driver was a suicide.

Three passengers in a Pontoon Boat in the cab at the time of the crash.

The testimony in the inquest, held at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, was that the cab driver was the only one on the boat.

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Agreement paves way for Venice apartments

Elderly complex to be 1st in TIF district

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A redevelopment agreement between the city of Venice and a local developer will pave the way for the first project in the city's Tax Incremental Finance district.

Johnson Development and Realty Inc. is in the process of securing financing for a \$6.5 million, 100-unit apartment complex for handicapped and senior citizens. The project, known as Country View Estate Apartments, will be built on a two-acre site on Fourth Street near Venice Homes.

Bill Thompson of Thompson Designers, the project's architect, said construction should begin within a few months, and the apartments should be ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

On Tuesday, the council approved an agreement giving back 70 percent of the incremental tax income generated by the

project to the company. According to City Attorney Casper Nighobossian, the council had to approve the agreement at that meeting or the project would have been delayed a full year.

The council also approved changes in the zoning code relating to apartments designed specifically for elderly tenants.

The TIF district was created in December 1993 and includes four tracts totaling 234 acres. According to Mayor Tyrone Echols, this is the district's first development project.

A TIF district is a development tool used to spur growth. Once the district is created, property tax revenue received by other taxing bodies is frozen, and any increase in property tax revenue is set aside for use within that district. A TIF district may remain in place for 23 years.

According to the agreement, after administrative costs are subtracted, 70 percent of the revenues generated by this project

will be used to reimburse the company for certain development expenses. Those expenses are set by state statute. The remaining 30 percent must be used by the city within the entire TIF district.

The agreement will last for 15 years, and the total amount given back to the company cannot exceed \$750,000.

The council also modified zoning requirements for R-2 general residence to accommodate the developers.

Among the changes were the following provisions:
Reducing the number of parking stalls required to one for every two apartment units.

Increasing the maximum height of the principal building to 45 feet from 35 feet.
Reducing the size of parking stalls from 10 feet by 20 feet to 8 feet, 6 inches by 18 feet.

Reduced the required apartment space to 1,000 square feet from 2,500 square feet.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Outdoor fun — From left, Kelsey Sarti, 2; Emily Baker, 18 months; and Rehana Asmli, 16 months, enjoyed the recent warm weather by playing together in the sand at Wilson Park. The girls were visiting the park with their mothers and babysitter.

Cab driver's death ruled a suicide

A Madison County coroner's jury ruled Wednesday that the death of Kenneth Wayne Black, a taxicab driver involved in an accident in Collinsville on March 1, was a suicide.

Three passengers — including a Pontoon Beach woman — were in the cab at the time.

Testimony in Wednesday's inquest, held at the courthouse in Edwardsville, indicated that Black was deliberately steering toward the only tree in the area, and that three passengers in the back seat of the cab fought to grab the steering wheel as Black left the roadway on the westbound Interstate 55-70 ramp from Highway 157 at Collinsville and headed for the tree.

Illinois State Trooper J.W. Hall testified that an eyewitness, an employee of the Illinois Department of Transportation, saw the struggle to wrest the steering wheel from Black.

The cab left the road 150 feet before it struck the tree. Black, 46, of St. Louis, died of blunt trauma to the chest.

Two of his three passengers, Rhonda Mesnell, 33, of St. Louis, identified as Black's girlfriend, and William Arnold, 32, of St. Louis, were treated and released from Anderson Hospital.

The third passenger, Wilma Landers, 44, of Pontoon Beach, was transferred from Anderson to St. Louis University Hospital, where she underwent surgery and was released March 20.

Testimony in the inquest revealed that Black left two notes, both to Mesnell. One note said simply, "Rhonda, I'm sorry."

In the other note, Black wrote that he could not take what he had become, and said goodbye to Mesnell.

An autopsy showed traces of cocaine in Black's blood, according to the testimony at the autopsy.

Bill would let SIUE students eat tax free

SPRINGFIELD — An Illinois Senate committee has voted to serve tax-free food to residential students at the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville University Center cafeteria.

The Senate Revenue Committee sent on to the full Senate last week a bill sponsored by Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville. Sought by SIUE officials, the bill would apply only to food served to students of the university.

Bowles said SIUE considered unfair an Illinois Department of Revenue ruling that sales tax be collected on all food sold at the university cafeteria because it is open to the general public.

She noted that students and employees at residence hall cafeterias at other state universities are exempt from paying sales tax and argued that the department's ruling created an inequitable situation.

SIUE opened its first 500-bed residence hall in the fall but saved an estimated \$3 million by not building a new kitchen and dining facility in the complex.

SIUE has issued electronic identification cards to students and employees so they can be easily exempted from the sales tax. However, because of the revenue department ruling, SIUE is collecting about \$80,000 a year on food sold to students and employees that it wants exempt.

The university argued the legislation would not provide any competitive advantage to the dining facilities in University Center because members of the general public still would have to pay the sales tax.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Handicapped parking debated

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Complaints about unauthorized people using handicapped parking spaces led to sharp debate Tuesday between Venice 4th Ward Aldermen Victor Valentine and Henry Fletcher.

Questions about whether the city should have allowed the signs, whether people who asked for the signs have been medical certified to use handicapped parking spaces, and just who should use the spaces were debated in Tuesday's city council meeting.

At the meeting, Fletcher said he has received several complaints about people parking in designated handicapped spaces on Logan Street.

There are two designated handicapped parking signs on the street, and aldermen said several of the residents have been calling both the police and aldermen to complain about their neighbors taking up those spaces.

Fletcher said police need to begin ticketing when residents complain.

"If they call the police and say somebody is in my parking

space, give them a ticket," he said.

Valentine said one of the problems was that the parking spaces were not used by the handicapped, but by friends and relatives visiting those people.

"They've got their friends in the handicapped zone. They've got their relatives in the handicapped zone," Valentine said.

"People think it's their parking space."

The argument continued for several minutes. At one point, Fletcher said he didn't want to get into an argument, but Mayor Tyrone Echols jokingly said,

"You're already in one."

After conducting other business, the council came back to the handicapped parking debate.

One resident, Marie Nelson of the 1000 block of Logan, complained about the situation.

She said there was "not a whole lot of parking in the area." She also described the handicapped parking situation as "a big mess, and it's getting kind of ugly."

Fletcher finally said the signs should be removed. However, Echols referred the matter to the streets and alleys committee.

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Letters to the editor

Legislature doing its part

TO THE EDITOR:
By now, many readers may be aware of the crisis that has befallen Teachers' Retirement System retirees and their health insurance benefits. As a result of federal rules and changes, and not as a result of any shortcoming of the Illinois General Assembly, which has shown in the past and continues to show a sincere concern for the well being of those who devoted their professional lives to the education of our children — TRS will no longer be allowed to subsidize premiums for the retirees.

In order to make the general public aware of this crisis, the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools sponsored a series of forums throughout the state, one of which was held in Madison County and attracted more than 300 people. These forums were not intended to lay blame on anyone, for there is no one to blame, but simply to make the public aware of the issue. To that end they were successful.

I am writing this letter to sincerely thank our local legislators for their help on this issue. Sen. Evelyn Bowles and Sen. Frank Watson were able to attend the forum. Both senators expressed a concern and a desire to help. Although Rep. Jay Hoffman, Rep. Ron Stephens, Rep. Steve Davis and Rep. Tom Holbrook could not attend since the House was in session, they too have expressed a concern and desire to help.

I compliment all our local legislators for being well informed and on top of this issue. Because of their efforts, there is hope for a resolution.

HARRY A. BRIGGS
Regional Superintendent
Scholes

Alderman Miller deserves praise

TO THE EDITOR:

Well done Alderman Miller. Every so often, in our society, an individual steps forward and really strives to improve the plight that they and their community face each day.

Such a person came forward when James Miller decided to serve on the Granite City Council.

Alderman Miller, through his work habits, the time and energy expended in completing his assigned tasks, must be commended. His was a strong, fair, intelligent voice on the council, that shall be missed.

We, the citizens of Granite City, owe him a sincere thank you. I, personally, would like to say, "You done good, Jim."

LOUIS SAUCIER
GRANITE CITY

Cars must have proper lights

TO THE EDITOR:

I've observed an increase in the number of automobiles being driven in both Illinois counties of Madison and St. Clair with fewer than two headlights and taillights.

The secretary of state's personnel have advised me that this is against the law and that those whose automobiles are driven

with insufficient lights are subject to fines.

I am concerned for the safety of those who drive their vehicles with less lights than are required. Even if the driver knows there is one light out, a second may soon not function and the vehicle not be visible to someone else nearby. I see at least three vehicles every night without one or more lights.

The state police personnel in Collinsville have advised that all vehicles on the road must have sufficient lights functional or be in violation of the law. I hope all drivers are aware of this law and of the danger they may encounter by not ensuring that their vehicle complies with the law.

NONA D. FULLER
Granite City

Moynahan hits a false note

TO THE EDITOR:

The well-known eloquence of Sen. Patrick Moynahan has stood him in good stead down through his career. His very appearance of a kindly, sage, old statesman gains him a good share of any audience he appears before. It is only natural as one watches him to expect something wise and at the same time humorous to pour from his weathered lips.

He has even gained my support at a time or two, especially when he seemed to be against the now defunct "Health Care Plan."

Eloquence, however, cannot hide the fact that he is standing on a very porous platform when he embraces the points of view necessary to oppose the Republican contract.

This was evident on "Meet the Press," where he argued that a balanced budget amendment would cause everything from mass bank failures to pestilence.

He argued further that Congress should be allowed to control the budget as it always has, through self-control and tax rate increases and if it doesn't do that, we can throw them out.

This remark never elicited the laugh it deserved but a look of shock shows that a tax rate increase is the only part of his formula he can claim the use of.

I know it is old, but surely he remembers that his advice comes after the fact.

We threw them out in 1994 for this very reason and he still wants to raise taxes to support the bureaucracy. He could not resist drawing from the tired old Democratic arsenal by taking another shot at the 80s.

It seems obligatory for all Democrats to promote this skewed viewpoint of the Reagan years during every public appearance. If a tax rate, would it have to be repeated so often?

His last words were to strike another blow at the vicious Republicans by stating that we must not let the children. It would probably be useful to remind Democrats that Republicans have children too and are not callous to the needs of children.

Taking away a layer of bureaucracy by taking the federal government out of the equation can only free up more money for their care. If the state governments do not act responsibly in that respect, they can be voted out as well.

PAUL MOHME
Collinsville

Senators ignore concerns

The following editorial is from the *Alton Telegraph*. We're disappointed that state senators are willing to surrender a perk of office that clearly has little foundation in need and even less benefit to the taxpayers.

Senators recently rejected a colleague's attempt to discontinue the legislative scholarship that senators and representatives have been distributing for nearly 90 years.

Sen. Harry Woodward had called for an end to the practice of allowing each legislator to give away the equivalent of two four-year scholarships to state universities each year.

During a recent fiscal year, the waivers of tuition and fees totaled some \$4.2 million at state institutions.

We do not doubt that the vast majority of legislators employed some sort of impartial system, such as an advisory panel, to award the scholarships.

But we believe that the money could be just as well used and the benefits even better targeted by the student aid procedures available elsewhere.

The system is one that is ripe for abuse. The public is prohibited access to information about the distribution of the scholarships under federal student privacy rules. Past reports have suggested that some legislators used the scholarships as political rewards, and even as the Senate was voting to continue them, a federal grand jury has subpoenaed records of scholarship awards by some Chicago legislators who are under investigation as part of a political corruption probe.

Legislators' greed over such programs as the legislative scholarships have literally driven the voting public to clamor for term limitation and other reforms.

It is sad that our state senators are so deaf to the clamor for term limitation and other reforms.

It is sad that our state senators are so deaf to the clamor that they would fuel it by putting their own interests over that of the taxpayers.



Tax deadline near, ready or not

When the Internal Revenue Service and Illinois Department of Revenue put their heads together, people throughout the state may fear they are being targeted.

But there is much joint tax planning and it is all in the best interests of taxpayers, the IRS and DOR insist.

With the April 17 state and federal income-tax deadlines approaching, the two agencies have issued a few recommendations intended to be helpful.

If you owe anything, make sure your payment is either a check or a money order.

Don't send cash, blank checks or payments under \$1.

Make sure the payment amount corresponds with the balance due line amount on the tax return.

Use the preprinted labels that have been provided.

Don't use old tax forms, old envelopes or old post office box numbers.

For those who choose electronic filing, suggestions include:

Sign Form IL-9453 before Form IL-1040 is transmitted. Mail IL-9453 within 24 hours after the electronic IL-1040 is accepted.

Attach all Forms W-2, W-2G and 1099-R showing Illinois withholding.

File a paper Form IL-1040-X if the transmitted



Bill Winter

return or the Social Security number was incorrect.

What is on the revenue's minds as the taxpaying days dwindle down to a precious few?

"The U.S. IRS and Illinois DOR share a common, ongoing problem: Federal and state forms and envelopes being switched and winding up at the wrong agency," the agencies said.

"For example, the DOR sometimes receives returns with checks made payable to the IRS. Likewise, the IRS receives checks made payable to the DOR accompanied by a federal return."

"A great deal of time is spent researching items that appear to be misdirected. This research requires communication between agencies and with the taxpayer before a final determination can be made."

"Our goal is to better serve the taxpayers and provide quality customer service. We can take a step toward achieving this through the cooperative efforts of the IRS, DOR, tax practitioners and taxpayers."

"We have come a long way in working together and want to continue the cooperation and teamwork we've established."

Use extra care when mailing returns and payments to either the IRS or DOR. Taxpayers can be penalized for not-timely filing or paying. By exerting a little added care, everyone could be saved both time and money."

A special note for Illinoisians is that Gov. Jim Edgar and the General Assembly have approved a law allowing individuals to recapture state income taxes they paid on grants received in 1992 and 1993 under the Nursing Home Grant Assistance program. They may subtract the amount of income on which they paid this tax when they file their 1994 IL-1040.

Questions about Illinois' Nursing Home Grant Assistance may be directed to 1-800-624-2459. For all taxpayers, the Illinois Department of Revenue has implemented a Voice Response Unit that gives 24-hour prerecorded information.

When you call 1-800-732-8866 and then press the appropriate number on a touch-tone telephone, six messages are available in both English and Spanish. The menu for this automated system is available in both English and Spanish. The menu for this automated system is available in both English and Spanish.

Press 1 for Illinois individual income tax refund inquiries.

Press 2 for individual income tax information.

Press 3 for business tax or withholding tax information.

Press 4 for sales tax or other tax information.

Press 5 for balance due inquiries.

Press 6 for an error notice you received.

For federal tax information, the public may call 1-800-829-1040.

Taxpayers can receive help from both the IRS and DOR each Friday through April 14 at the DOR office, 15 Executive Drive, Fairview Heights. The hours there are 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

Are the revenues fully up-to-date regarding the information highway? Yes, they say.

Taxpayers can obtain federal tax forms, instructions and publications on the Internal Revenue Information Services (IRIS), computerized "bulletin board" through FedWorld, the online government information network.

FedWorld was created in 1992 by the National Technical Information Service within the Technology Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Illinois DOR, meanwhile, has introduced both a personal computer bulletin board and a fax-on-demand system to provide tax forms and information.

A taxpayer can use his or her PC and modem to call 217-782-0774 anytime, any day.

Nothing like on-the-job training for parents

Let's face it, the subject of parenting is purely academic to me at my time of life.

Been there, done that, so to speak.

In spite of which, one day last week I chose to read a series of briefs on today's families and parenting in general, the end result of which was my realization that I'm a dinosaur.

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Some of the advice aimed at parents by researchers (who surely could be doing something more useful) I have found young parents myself.

Such as the fact that, in considering getting a dog, male, neutered animals — and German shepherds — are the most likely breeds to bite.

Yet another study by a lady at Penn State advises that, if baby won't sleep at night, baby is probably overstimulated from, among other things, being picked up every time baby whimpers and that help lies in establishing standard day and night routines. We need a study to figure that one out?

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That 38 percent of children now live without a biological father.

That since 1960, the number of children living with never-married single parents has risen to 6.3-million, that 6.6-million live with divorced single parents (usually mothers) and that their fathers generally have faded away from the kids.

While Daddy, in many cases, has become something of a mythical figure to the kid, the Tooth Fairy is very much for real, according to a graphic artist from Deerfield, and a Crest Cœur dentist. The lady,



Carol Clarkin

us flew by the seat of our pants. I suppose our kids were reared by early Tooth Fairy but I don't think either of them regarded her (it?) as part of their life cycle; just another way to smoocher another two-bits from Mom and Dad.

Like most of my friends, I was a first-time motherhood badly prepared. I knew where babies came from and how they got there, but I had no first-hand experience with them. I think I'd changed maybe two diapers, and done the job miserably.

My knowledge of non-kids, in general, was limited to occasionally baby-sitting my young cousin, Bob Drake, when

he was a perfectly darling, amenable 3- or 4-year-old and I was a first-time motherhood badly prepared. I knew where babies came from and how they got there, but I had no first-hand experience with them. I think I'd changed maybe two diapers, and done the job miserably.

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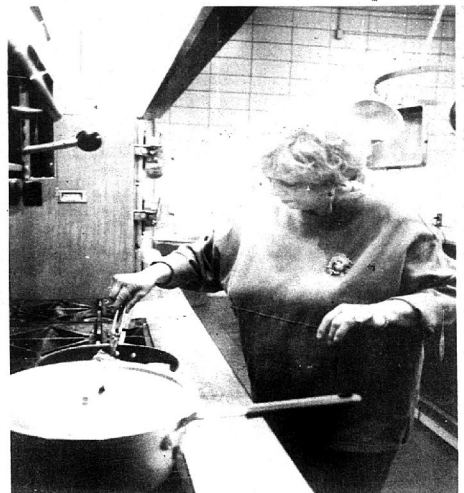
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While his students look on, Chef Ollie Sommers explains what the class is going to do on this day in his cooking class at GCC.

(Staff photos by SCOTT COUSINS)



Joyce Sicora of Granite City fries bacon for her deviled eggs.

Meals fit for a king

Popular GCC instructor teaches fine art of cooking

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Victor Kiam liked a razor so much he bought a whole company. E.J. Davis and his wife like one of the chefs at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus so much they try to take all his courses.

Ollie Sommers is an instructor in the college's Hospitality and Food Management program, and also teaches non-credit courses at Granite City.

At Sommers' most recent non-credit class, Merna Davis was busy frying bacon for deviled eggs. Unfortunately, her husband, the provost at GCC, couldn't come because of meetings.

"He thinks a lot of Ollie and has taken every class but this one," Merna Davis said. "We've been coming together, and my daughter is here, too, so we made it a family affair. We've acquired a lot of good recipes."

Her daughter, Cindy Musterman, was having trouble with her pastry puffs.

"I'm on my second try," she said. "The directions were there, and I thought I was doing what they were saying, but chef said I needed to try it again."

Eventually, the puffs turned out, and were filled with chicken salad.

In his latest non-credit class, "Great Beginnings," Sommers showed his students how to prepare appetizers.

"This would be mainly for a cocktail party or reception in the early afternoon," Sommers said.

Sommers said appetizers are becoming lighter.

"Now everything is switching to turkey, chicken, and lots of fish," he said. "I think it's great. It has been proven that high-fat diets cause a lot of diseases and people need to eat better — eat more healthy."

"The chef that is going to be in demand is the chef that specializes in that," he said.

"One of my favorites is to take pea pods and stuff them with cheddar cheese flavored with a little brandy," he said.

The menu for the course was miniature cream puffs stuffed with chicken salad, deep-fried flower tortillas topped with cream cheese, shrimp and capers, sandwiches, and deviled eggs.

"Everybody makes deviled eggs, but I make mine with anchovies in them," he said.

Sommers said his personal preference is seafood appetizers.



Fran Page of Granite City cuts fat from chicken.

"I make an appetizer where I take scallops, wrap them in bacon, soak them in bourbon and then broil them," he said.

Most of the students have attended Sommers' other classes, but Paula Gonterman of Granite City was a first-time student.

She was busy preparing small sandwiches.

"I like to cook, but I've never had formal training," she said. "I think it's fun. It's interesting and I hope I pick up some pointers."

Previous non-credit classes include courses on low-calorie recipes, Hungarian cooking, cuisines of the heartland, cooking for diabetics, Creole and Cajun style, catering from the home, cuisines of New England, California cuisine, and citrus cuisine.

The next scheduled class is "Beyond Barbecue." That class is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 5, 12, and 19.

In his fifty-year career, Sommers has

catered, cooked for admirals and presidents, and has been named one of the top 100 chefs in the world.

Several weeks ago, Sommers went to New Orleans, where he was awarded the Presidential Gold Medalion by the American Academy of Chefs. According to E.J. Davis, that makes Sommers the best chef in the United States.

Students appreciate having a chef of that quality.

"I love it. It's good camaraderie and Chef Ollie is just wonderful," said Joyce Sicora of Granite City. Sicora was helping Merna Davis with the deviled eggs.

"He's more than happy to give you any information he has, and he doesn't guard his secrets," Sicora added. "He wants you to know them all so you don't have to go through the trial and error he did to learn."

Sommers started his formal cooking training in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served for 10 years.

"I went to every type of school the Navy had to offer in food service," he said. "The Navy always had a reputation for having the best food."

"We had better facilities," he added. "On ship we had refrigerators, so consequently we didn't have to have dehydrated food like the field troops did."

Eventually, Sommers became the personal chef for Adm. Chester A. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

"He was a tremendous, good gentleman," Sommers said. "The Navy was his life and his love."

Nimitz also demanded good food, according to Sommers.

"He liked breakfast," Sommers said. "I used to make eggs Benedict almost every morning for him."

Sommers is now in his third year of teaching at GCC.

Before that, his most recent position was corporate chef for Emerson Electric. He also ran a catering business.

"Most people go out of business because they don't have any business," he said. "I went out of business because I had too much business."

"I did 96 parties in 31 days, and my wife said I better get out of it because I wouldn't be here next year if I kept it up," he said.

"At that time they were starting the program over here, and I always felt I wanted to give something back to the industry that was so good to me."

American chefs gaining new respect

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

In the past, if chefs weren't trained in Europe, they were not taken seriously. But today, American chefs are the ones in demand.

According to Ollie Sommers, an instructor at the Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, there are now more American-trained chefs than European-trained chefs.

"Today, we have some of the finest cooking schools in the world right here in the United States, and people are coming here from Europe, instead of our people going to Europe to go to school," he said.

"You always went to the Cordon Bleu. Now they are coming over to the Culinary Institute."

"Just recently in the paper in Berlin, they had an ad for an executive chef, and it said 'must be American trained.'"

— Ollie Sommers

Sommers said one of the reasons American cooking is superior is because of the wider variety of food products available in this country.

"The French are known for their sauces, but the reason is that in the past they never had good refrigeration and the meat would get very strong," he said. "They had to have a heavy sauce to mask the flavor of the meat."

Sommers said that to be a good cook someone has to have a good sense of taste, a good sense of smell and a good sense of creativity.

Good cooking also requires planning.

"The entree is basis of meal, everything else is built around that," he said. "If I have a heavy entree, I'm going to have a light starter. I'm going to have a light soup, a light salad."

He also said a good cook will put his or her heart and soul into it.

"They have a passion for cooking and can really understand it and get the good aromas by mixing the herbs and spices," he said. "You almost have to be a chemist, because you have to know what reaction will happen. One spice might smell really good to you, but when heat is applied, it might have an entirely different character."

Sommers also said he thinks "trendy" foods are not what people want.

"I think that's fading out now and we're getting back to the basics," he said. "People want solid food, they want fat-free food, and they want it to look nice. If food looks nice they will buy, but if it tastes good they will come back."

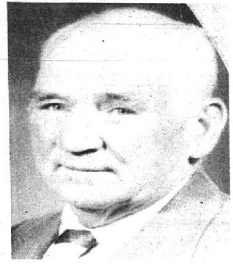


Paula Gonterman of Granite City prepares sandwich filling during a non-credit food class at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus.



Cindy Musterman of Edwardsville puts in a panful of pastry shells.

Obituaries



Leo Stanton

Leo "Warry" Stanton, 89, of Pontoon Beach, died at 5:20 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 1995, at his residence after a three-week illness. He was born Jan. 16, 1906, in St. Louis and had been a resident of Pontoon Beach for 50 years.

A crane operator with the Granite City Army Depot for many years prior to his retirement in 1961, he was a member of the Catholic Youth Transit Association at Assumption School, a member of AMVETS Post 51 in Granite City and the Eagles Lodge 1126 in Granite City. He became a 50-year member of the American Legion Post 113 in Granite City on March 15, 1945, was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Mae (Brockett) Stanton, whom he married Oct. 4, 1925, one son-in-law, Gerald Cooke of Pontoon Beach; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Marian L. Cooke; his parents; and several other family members, including Harry, John, Bob, Peg and Margie Stanton, Nora Lewis and Mame Robertson.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services are at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Gus Falter officiating. Burial will be in Valhalla Cemetery, St. Louis.

Memorials are requested for the

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capacity as a police officer. The first said that Wilson sexually assaulted her with her consent in the fingerprint room of the Venice Police Department.

The woman, who was in jail on a drug charge at the time, said Wilson promised to marry her and reduced in exchange for sexual favors.

The second woman to testify Wednesday said that Wilson sexually assaulted her during a body cavity search after pulling her over while she was riding her bicycle in Venice.

Kelvin "Leelee" Boyd, formerly of Venice, also testified Wednesday. He said that he knew all six of the women who had testified against Wilson and knew all six to be drug users.

Boyd also said that he had

obtained crack cocaine for the victim in this case on more than one occasion.

Boyd said he notified the Venice Police Department of two of the alleged sexual assaults. Police had testified that an informant told them of alleged sexual assaults.

Three other women — also all victims of Wilson — testified Tuesday that Wilson warned them not to tell because no one would believe his word over that of a police officer.

Defense attorney James Gormick of Belleville pointed out that Wilson did nothing wrong when Illinois State Police agents subsequently wired the victim in an attempt to catch Wilson in the act.

The three other women who testified Tuesday said that Wilson used similar tactics — and

never used a weapon — when he allegedly raped them.

A 39-year-old Venice woman said Wilson forced her to perform oral sex under the viaduct Jan. 19, 1994.

She was scared. I was in an area that was real dark. It seemed like he had changed — the tone of his voice was not like he was himself," she said.

A 37-year-old Collinsville woman testified that Wilson forced her to perform both oral and vaginal sex near Lee Park in Venice after her car ran out of gas in Brooklyn.

"I was scared to death. I didn't know what else to do but what he said," she testified. She said she did not notify police until after seeing a picture of Wilson on a television newscast.

A 37-year-old Venice woman said that Wilson threatened to have her probation revoked and

American Diabetes Foundation.

Robert Broomfield

Robert Broomfield, 78, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Nov. 1, 1916, in Venice.

An employee with the Disabled American Veterans in Granite City, he was also employed as a bartender for many years.

Mr. Broomfield was a member of the Disabled American Veterans in Granite City and the Eagles Lodge 3740 in Granite City.

Survivors include one daughter, Jewell Paterson of Glen Carbon, and two sisters, Bonnie Bowler of Florida and Betty Mariecki of Worn, Ill.; one grandchild; three great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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The family will receive friends at 6 p.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2208 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where a memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today with the Rev. Leon Bell officiating.

A Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested for the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children.

Wilbur Huffstutler

Wilbur C. Huffstutler, 69, of Danville, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, March 16, 1995, at his residence. He was born Dec. 31, 1925, in Granite City, where he attended school.

Mr. Huffstutler served in World War II for three years, primarily in the European theater of operations. He participated in "D-Day" and the second invasion of France.

Employed with Granite City Steel's Research Department before joining Kaiser Aluminum, he also worked in Newark, Ohio, prior to being assigned to Kaiser's Corporate Headquarters in Oakland, Calif.

A coach with several state championship group swimming and diving teams in Ohio, he enjoyed swimming and diving.

Mr. Huffstutler was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (Haven) Huffstutler, formerly of Granite City, whom he married in 1948; two sons, John Huffstutler of Danville and Robert Huffstutler of Belize, Central America; one daughter, Jan Huffstutler of Manti, Calif.; one sister, Georgina McMillan of Granite City; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Clyde and Ruth Huffstutler.

Per Mr. Huffstutler's wishes, his ashes will be scattered at sea during services to be held on Friday morning, April 7.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in Danville.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society or to the local hospice.

Laura Mae (Smith) Ready, 93, of Altamont, died at 1:20 p.m. Monday, March 20, 1995, at Lutheran Care Center, Altamont. She was born

May 6, 1901, in Altamont and had been a resident of Granite City for approximately six years.

A salesperson with Denny's Department Store in Vandalia prior to her retirement, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Altamont, Missouri, Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include one daughter, Wilmetta M. Mills of Vandalia; one brother, Glen Smith of East Point, Ga.; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Ready, whom she married Jan. 5, 1922, in Altamont, and who died April 11, 1958; one son, her parents, George and Adella (Bracken) Smith; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Services are at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at Honit and File Funeral Home, Vandalia, with the Rev. Steven Donnelly officiating. Burial will be in Mason Cemetery, Mason, Ill.

Memorials are requested for the Fayette County Health Department.

Wilbourn Weeks, 66, of Gasconade, died Monday, March 20, 1995, at Columbia Regional Hospital, Columbia, Mo. He was born June 22, 1928, in Madison County.

A material management employee with the civil service, he was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include three daughters, Cathy Utz of Morrison, Mo., Diane Rench of Brighton and Marilyn K. Weeks of Wood River; his stepmother, Lois Weeks of Granite City; two brothers, Leonard Weeks of Granite City and Jerry Weeks of Adamsville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Todtman-Grosche Funeral Home, Hermann, Mo., with the Rev. John Lyons officiating. Burial in Gasconade Cemetery, Gasconade.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

Oscar Milton Grant, 54, of Granite City, died at 4:15 p.m. Monday,

March 20, 1995, at his residence.

He was born June 17, 1940, in Wood River.

A foreman with Perfection Vault Company in Granite City for 31 years, he was a member of Teamsters Local 520 in Altamont.

Survivors include two sons, Timothy Grant of Fort Madison, Iowa, and Thomas Grant of Granite City; one daughter, Stacy L. Lebeck of Dallas City, Ill.; one brother, Floyd Crider of Bethalto; seven sisters, Alma Blackwood, Dorothy Clark, Mildred Skinner and Evelyn Chinnault, all of East Alton, Wilma Volenweber and Essie Elmore, both of The Dalles, Ore., and Alpha Nadine Lannom of Marion; his friend, Diane Annotti of Collinsville; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Oscar Grant and Viola (Helton) Grant; four brothers; and two sisters.

Services were to be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home, Collinsville, with the Rev. Dale Clemens officiating. Burial in Valhalla Memorial Park Cemetery, Godfrey.

Memorials are requested for the Migratory Hunters Inc., P.O. Box C, Godfrey, Ill., 62235.

Jim Weatherall

Jim Ivory Weatherall, 69, of Mascoutah, formerly of East St. Louis, died Friday, March 17, 1995, at Mar Ka Nursing Home, Mascoutah. He was born Oct. 14, 1925, in Ingersoll, Miss.

Survivors include one son, Rev. Sylvester Weatherall of Lebanon; seven daughters, Janette Weatherall of Springfield, Ill., Mary Helen Gardner of Mississippi, Mirrie Shinnal of Atlanta, Christine Francis of Lebanon, Myra Hunter of Brooklyn, Annie Kemper of Memphis, Tenn., and Deborah Jackson of St. Louis; one brother, Herbert H. Weatherall of East St. Louis; 24 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mattie McGalla.

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Health department taking shape

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

Plans for the future of the Madison County Health Department have finally begun to be drawn.

After several years of debate, formation of the health department was approved last fall, and last month its new director stepped on to begin the task of building the new department from scratch.

Former St. Clair County Health Department planner Donald Brannon was hired this winter as director of the department after eight years of working with St. Clair County.

Brannon's experience was the his major qualification for the job, Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer said.

"We really look forward to (Brannon's) guidance, because he's been through this (start up process) before in St. Clair County," Hagnauer said.

"This is really an important time for the Health Department, because we need to take a long look at our options and prioritize what needs to be done."

Brannon said he has no specific plans coming into the new job but to get to know the health board members and to get an idea of what they want the department to be like.

"It would be premature to say what

direction we're going to go in before I get a chance to talk with everyone about what they'd like to see from the finished product."

Hagnauer said the planning stage of the development of the department is expected to last at least a year, but he said he hopes some services will be available before that time.

"By the time a year goes by we hope to have begun to inspect places that serve food, be able to provide (immunization) shots for all the kids and have our other programs under way," Hagnauer said. "I can't say for sure what direction we'll head in first, but I hope some services will be available before that first year is up."

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Briefly

Kite exhibition Sunday

Mitchell Presbyterian Church will host its first annual Community Kite Flying Exhibition beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the church, located on the corner of Greenway Drive and East Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell.

All community elementary-age children and their parents are welcome to come fly their kites, according to the Rev. Scott Kroemer, pastor.

Ribbons will be given to the participants.

For more information, call 797-1119.

Motorcycle courses offered

Two free motorcycle courses will be offered at Belleville Area College beginning March 24.

Course 1 is Friday, March 31, from 6-9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Course 2 is Friday, April 7, from 6-9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Motorcycles, helmets and insurance are provided free. Students enrolling must be 18 years of age. Students must also be Illinois residents and possess a valid drivers license or permit. Sixteen and 17-year-olds can use this course to obtain a Class M license. For those people 18 years old and older, this course will waive the Driver Services Facility's riding test for obtaining a motorcycle license.

For registration or further information on the Motorcycle Rider Program, contact Southern Illinois University at Carbondale toll free at 1-800-642-9589.

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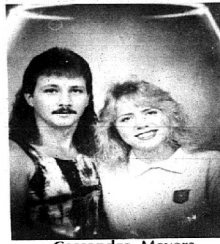
Meyers-Bojkovsky

Cassandra L. Meyers, daughter of Francis R. and Janet L. Meyers of Granite City, and Paul T. Bojkovsky, son of Paul D. and Patricia A. Bojkovsky of Glen Carbon, have announced their engagement.

Meyers graduated in 1989 from Granite City High School and is employed with Atrium Living Center in Edwardsville as an activity director.

Bojkovsky graduated in 1979 from Edwardsville High School; he is employed at the Treatment Center in Alton as a liaison.

The couple plan a May 20 wedding in Edwardsville.



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Orwig-Niles

Rhonda Orwig, daughter of Jack Orwig and Sharon Hogan, both of Granite City, and Daniel Niles, son of Douglas and Pat Niles of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

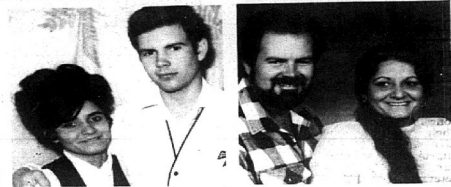
Orwig, a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed with Kirk Van-Ordel in St. Louis as an administrative assistant.

Niles, a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed with Robinson Steel in Granite City.

The couple plan an April 29 in Granite City.



Rhonda Orwig and Daniel Niles



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson 1970 and 1995

Davidson - 25 years

Jerry and Delores Davidson of Mitchell celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 20. They were married March 20, 1970, in Glen Carbon at the home of Jerry's mother, Edith Davidson, who signed for the marriage.

Mr. Davidson and the former Delores Hawks met in Mitchell on Sept. 20, 1969, Delores' 19th birthday. He proposed to her at the home of her father, Haskell Ray Hawks Sr., on Tennessee Avenue in Mitchell, which is now their residence.

They have one son, Jerry Allen Davidson.

Standish - Hunter

Danielle Hunter, formerly of Granite City, and Douglas Standish were married Oct. 1, 1994,

at the Chapel of the Cross in St. Louis by the Rev. Jonathan Stein.

A reception was held at Fountain Square Banquet Hall in St. Louis.

Following a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the couple reside in St. Louis.



Douglas and Danielle Standish

First Presbyterian plans open house for refurbished church

The Evening Circle of the First Presbyterian Church met Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the home of Betty Rea. Betty Schmiedake, circle chairman, opened the meeting with prayer.

Members were reminded of the Church Women United's annual presentation of "Music, Music, Music," which will be held at 2 p.m. April 30 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

First Presbyterian Church will host an open house on April 23 at 2 p.m. enabling friends in the community to visit their refurbished church, which was damaged by fire last September.

Fellowship of the Least Coin monies were collected by Barbara Landis, followed by prayer. The evening lesson, "Christ, Who Brings Peace," was presented by Rea. The scripture

from Ephesians 2:11-22 was used and focused on Christ as the peacemaker who reconciled hostile camps to God. The lesson stressed that peace encompasses many issues. A political matter, for peace is established only when politics succeeds in creating just societies.

Following the lesson, Landis

read a short article concerning peace and the interaction with one another.

As the members formed a circle and repeated the Mizpah benediction, the meeting closed. Refreshments were served by the hostesses to Schmiedake, Page, Landis, Vee Throne, Gladys Fuhrman, Burdine Holtzsch and Shirley Yates.

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Horoscope

Devote some quality time to absorbing the latest knowledge about your field, world news and politics, and read the sports page, too. Then, our brains become refreshed for a return to our personal affairs, and we have improved perspectives on all our problems. "Self-determination" is the key employees who think for themselves gain recognition, and independent problem-solvers save the day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you are frustrated by those who don't understand your forward-thinking ways, take a cheery attitude and bide a little time — you're in the right, so time is on your side. Tonight, make a friend at the gym or a game.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Commitment may be on the agenda if it involves financial involvement with a partner, you need plenty of time to read the fine print and make up your mind. A boost to your income is a welcome help — make the most of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your partner or best pal has the right idea — go along for the sake of harmony, and you'll discover you're having a great time. The chance to be involved in a dream project is soon offered.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone at work understands your dilemma and has fine advice — if a little criticism comes with the territory, take it in good stride. Shop for a child's clothing, or make appointments for health checks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Frustration isn't necessary — all you need is imagination when put into a confining situation. You can charm or invent your way through nearly any tricky moments at work today — be sweet to co-workers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 23). An inward journey is interrupted by opportunity knocking in April — remake your image to reflect a truer you. A job hunt can land a big score in May. Love waits for an answer in June. Acclaim for past deeds comes by the end of July.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Family pressure shouldn't be taken out on those at work. Provide the steady hand at the helm if your boss or new workers need one. Find a way to express feelings that doesn't involve criticizing others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A terrific chance comes for you when the competition falls down on the job. Don't gloat, but do be ready to do a first-rate job. Next is when you have a chance to take control of your home life, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Old projects may be put on the back burner as new ones with top priority are given to you. Buy furniture, or do some home carpentry and decorating — you need to feel in control of your personal environment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Terrific plans are afoot — still, patience is lucky for the next few weeks ahead. Self-improvement also brings good fortune — revamp your look and style, and set up a doctor-approved fitness program.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Are you giving enough time to self-reflection and spiritual ideals? You need more rest and more cuddling than you realize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's some frustration among associates, and you find a leadership role because chaos doesn't faze you. Allow the truth to come out in a love relationship — trust the friendship between you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An important decision may be on your mind — by the weekend, you'll know whether your judgment was correct.

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Observance — School nurses in the Granite City School District gathered to observe National School Nurse Day Jan. 25. Pictured, from left in the front row, are: Kristie Batsios, Mary Karoly, Roxann Tuetken and Betty Stone; in the back row, June Oney, Donna Tehis, Margaret Amisch and Carol Farnsworth.

Rachel Circle luncheon Sunday

The Rachel Circle of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church met in the home of Wanda Groothuis recently. Circle leader Shirley Lane opened the meeting with a prayer. Mable Gertsch gave the devotions for the evening entitled "The Family: No Substitution Will Do" and "Grandparenting" from the book *Come Before Winter*.

Lane reminded the ladies of the Wednesday Lenten services held at noon at different churches and sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and also of the Round Robin Lenten services held at the various Methodist churches on Sunday evenings.

The women had brought toiletry items for the incarcerated women at Dwight Prison and also for the Women's Prison Center. These items will be taken to the spring district meeting, which will be held at Nameoki United Methodist Church on April 1. All of the items will be put in Ziplock bags with a scripture message and the church name.

Tickets were distributed for the baked potato luncheon to be held March 26 after the morning services. This luncheon will be a kickoff for the Saturday morning mission project.

The Least Coin devotion, "Women of Faith Work for Change", was given by Gertsch.

Those in attendance were Dorothy Davis, Mildred Collins, Alice Hunsinger, Phyllis Bills, Dolores Vogeler, Lane, Gertsch and Groothuis.



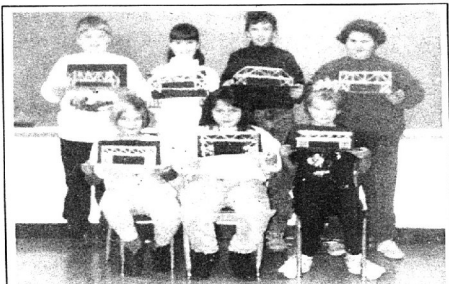
Pontoon Beach Lions Club visit elderly — On February 21 the Pontoon Beach Lions Club visited Colonial Care Center for a party. They brought donuts and coffee and entertainment. Residents enjoyed the donuts and danced away the evening. Viola Harrison, left, and Carl Pulse dance to country music during the party.

World Day of Prayer celebrated

World Day of Prayer was held on March 23 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Granite City.

Seventeen churches were represented: Central Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Holy Family Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, the Salvation Army, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, Nameoki United Methodist Church, Trinity United Methodist Church, Madison United Methodist Church, St. John United Church of Christ, St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian Church, Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church and Hope Lutheran Church.

Taking part in the program were Ola Jones, Rev. Rose Harman, Rev. Carrie Cullen, Rev. Jeff Hurst, Eva Clemons, Valerie Stevens, Marie Moore, Bertha Oliver Walker, the Christian Women United Choir, Helen Stumpe and Mae Lee, chairperson of World Day of Prayer.



Idea Lab students who participated in the toothpick bridge building were, from left, front row, Ashley Reed, Elizabeth Pryor and Amanda Garner; back row, Josh Harris, Sarah Smothers, Amy Dix and Emily Love.

Bridges grab students' interests

The third- and fourth-grade Idea Lab students at Wilson School participated in a project called Building Toothpick Bridges as a part of their curriculum. Using geometry, the group designed, planned and built scale model bridges. A contest was held to determine the winning bridges based on strength, appearance and cost. Pennies were used as weights to break the bridges.

Winning bridges belonged to Ashley Reed and Amanda Garner, each holding more than 950 pennies without breaking. Garner was all-around winner for design and being within the cost guidelines. Other participants and number of pennies



Danielle Carr's bridge held 650 pennies.

held were Elizabeth Pryor, 150; Danielle Carr, 650; Sarah Smothers, 500; Emily Love, 300; and Amy Dix, 97.

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Stegemeier-Williams

Marcee Leigh Williams and Thomas Patrick Stegemeier were married March 26, 1994, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City by the Rev. Tom Wise.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne R. and Karen Williams of Granite City. She graduated from Granite City High School and Lutheran Medical School of Nursing and is employed with Christian Northeast Hospital in St. Louis as a registered nurse. The groom is the son of Robert J. and Elizabeth Stegemeier of Granite City. He graduated from Granite City South High School and is employed with John Janek's Vending Service in Granite City.



Thomas and Marcee Stegemeier

The flower girl was Breanu Muich, niece of the groom, and Amanda McDaniel, cousin of the bride. Ryan Muich, nephew of the groom, was the ringbearer. The ushers were Paul Williams, brother of the bride, and John Muich, brother-in-law of the groom. A reception was held at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall in Granite City. Following a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple reside in Granite City.



Ronald Orr Jr. and Teri Overby

Overby-Orr

Teri Renee Overby, daughter of Gary and Nancy Overby of Collinsville, and Ronald Eugene Orr Jr., son of Ronald and Christine Orr of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Overby, of Collinsville, graduated from Collinsville High School in 1993 and is attending Belleville Area College earning a degree as a medical lab technician. She is employed as a waitress by both Ryan's Steakhouse and Houlihan's.

Orr, of Granite City, also graduated from Collinsville High School. He is employed by Parsec Railroad and serving in the U.S. Army Reserves. The couple plan to marry May 27 at the United Methodist Church in Caseyville.

Ruth Group hears of Women's Fellowship plans

At the March meeting of the Ruth Group of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church, the president of the CWF, Lena Seitzer, shared some of the projects and plans of the total CWF with the Ruth Group.

Soon, a new stove for the church kitchen will be purchased from money contributed by Mildred Rees. Rees received this money as gifts from her family and church friends at the celebration of her 90th birthday.

A new bulletin board for the church has been ordered and will soon be hung in a prominent place. This is a gift from the CWF.

Money received from serving a dinner for the area assembly of CWF in February has been donated by the CWF to the church.

The meeting of the Ruth Group was held at the home of Andrea Scott. Sharon Calaway led the group in study and worship based on the Book of I John. Six persons were present, including Betty Ebrecht, chairman of the group; Lena Seitzer, CWF president; Andrea Scott; Isabelle Ferguson; Sharon Calaway and Helen Stumpe. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Senior group hears about Lincoln

The Seniors Unlimited Group of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church met in Wesley Hall for the club's monthly meeting. The Rev. Bruce Rushing offered prayer before the meal. Members brought a sack lunch. Cherry cobbler and ice cream were furnished by the organization for dessert.

Warren Collins spoke on the religion of Abraham Lincoln in honor of President's Day. A representative of Alvin Travel of Edwardsville spoke of various day trips that are available for the group. This was "Lars Day" for the seniors. Twelve members of the group told lies. All were applauded for their tall tales. Rushing read a tale of songs from southern Illinois. The meeting was closed with prayer.

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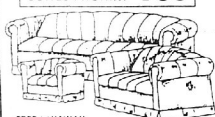


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Joe Wallace

The Show for Joe?

Wallace hopes for job as replacement Cardinal

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Joe Wallace had little idea of what was in store for him earlier this month when he reported to spring training in St. Petersburg, Fla., with the St. Louis Cardinals' minor-league camp.

Wallace, a Granite City native and Class A prospect the past two years, reported March 4 in the hopes of earning a spot with either Class A Peoria or the Cardinals' top Class A affiliate, St. Petersburg.

WALLACE WAS INVITED to spring training by the Cardinals for the second time this year, but an even greater invitation came his way last week. The former Granite City High catcher, was asked to join the Cardinals' replacement roster at the chance. Wallace has spent the last week working with the parent team and trying to earn a spot on the team as a replacement player.

Baseball

Wallace, who played as a backup for Class A Madison (Wis.) last year, hoped to prove his stock this week. The Cardinals were expected to trim the roster Wednesday, leaving Wallace without any idea of where he might wind up later this month.

But the opportunity to join the Cardinals and play exhibition games under manager Joe Torre has been a dream come true. "IT'S JUST AMAZING, the people you're around daily," Wallace said. "The first few days were overwhelming because you've grown up watching these guys."

"It's been exciting. If I said I didn't look forward to it, I'd be lying." Wallace found himself in the middle of a controversy surrounding major-league baseball. With the players union (See JOE, Page 2B)

Baker All-American again

GCHS grad 8th in NCAA 1-meter competition

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Jenny Baker finished her junior season at the University of Kentucky with a flourish last weekend by competing in the NCAA Division I national diving meet and earning All-American honors for the second straight year. Baker, an honorable mention All-American last year, posted a finish in the top eight in the 1-meter competition March 16 in Austin, Tex. With an eighth-place finish, Baker now stands among the top divers in the country as an All-American with her senior year still ahead. THE 1992 GRANITE CITY High graduate competed along with the nation's top 33 divers in Austin and also placed in the 3-meter competition. Baker finished 10th in the 3-meter on Friday and then 18th in the 10-meter on Saturday.

"I had one super day, one not-so-great day and one down day," Baker said. "But I was really happy. I started off with a bang. I made the finals in the 1-meter, and that was my big goal. It's real neat to make the finals. That was definitely my goal, to make the final eight." Baker advanced to the meet after qualifying at an NCAA zone meet in Lexington, Ky., the week before. She battled injuries all weekend after suffering a hyperextended back earlier this season and then injuring her hand on a 1-meter dive.

"MY BACK REALLY hurt the first couple days," Baker said. "But I think after I hit my finger on the board, it took my mind off it. I think I just accepted it." Baker, who placed 13th in the 1-meter during last year's meet, said the competition this year was even more impressive. Baker's teammate, junior Tina Johnson, placed second in the platform in the final day of competition.

"I've never seen a better final in a national meet," Baker said. "Everyone was just real crisp and sharp." The national meet was yet another success for Baker, who led Kentucky to its first women's diving title in the Southeastern Conference last month. Baker placed second in the 1-meter and

third in the 3-meter at the Wildcat won a first-ever conference title.

— Jenny Baker
University of Kentucky

SHE SAID THAT accomplishment helped her prepare for the national meet. "Even though we didn't look at the conference meet as one of the biggest meets, I think it really set us up," Baker said. "It was just a nice start." Baker is now preparing for next month's Senior Nationals, the most prestigious diving meet in the country. She hopes to qualify in two events next week at the pre-qualifying meet at the University of Michigan.

A top-six finish in the NCAA national meet automatically qualifies divers for the Senior Nationals, which will be held in Midland, Texas. Last year, she placed 13th to earn a spot. At the Senior Nationals, Baker will be competing for a chance to make next year's Olympic trials. She also plans to dive with Johnson in a new Olympic event — synchronized diving. Baker and Johnson have posted similar scores in their dives this year, and they hope to

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Jenny Baker's collegiate season is over, but the Granite City native will be competing in the Senior Nationals in a few weeks.

Warriors 2nd in first outdoor meet

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

After beginning the season indoors last week, the Granite City High boys track team competed outdoors for the first time Monday and finished second in a triangular meet at O'Fallon. The host Panthers won the meet with 100 points, and the Warriors outscored Mascoutah, 40-35.

"IT WAS AN excellent way to open our outdoor season," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "It was windy, but temperature-

Boys track

wise it was real nice for this time of year." The Warriors won two events and posted several other top performances. Larry Wiegand and Curtis Howard finished 1-2 in the 200-meter dash. Wiegand won the race with a time of 24.9 seconds.

Wiegand and Howard also were members of the team's 800 relay team, which posted a winning time of 1:39.9. Brian Schooley and anchor Paul Holloway run the final two legs.

In the 100, Howard placed second with a time of 11.9 and Shane Brown placed third. "I was real happy with our sprinters," Briggs said. "I was with the wind, we were able to get 35 personal records."

Granite City's other top performances came in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays. Carl Mouton, Chris Roudy, Schooley and Daryl Thack placed second in the mile relay, and Jason Anderson, Roudy, Eddie Connolly and Thack placed second in the two-mile relay.

Miskelley's hockey skill earns him summer date with the 'Great One'

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

David Miskelley, meet Wayne Gretzky. Although the time and place is uncertain, that meeting will take place after Miskelley won the Coca-Cola Quick Trip skills competition March 12 at Kiel Center.

MISKELLEY, 15, A sophomore at Granite City High School, defeated nine other skaters from the St. Louis area in a skills competition for 14-15 year olds.

The competition took place before the St. Louis Blues-Detroit Red Wings game. Because of his championship, Miskelley will advance to a national competition and be invited to Gretzky's hockey camp, which will be held somewhere in Canada this summer.

"I'm still waiting to hear what will happen next," said Miskelley, who recently finished a solid year with the Warriors hockey team. "They are supposed to send me a letter telling me what to do in



David Miskelley

three or four weeks. But knowing Coca-Cola, it will probably take longer to get here."

MISKELLEY, THE SON OF Debbie and Dave Miskelley of Granite City, advanced to the area-wide contest by winning the Granite City event held at Wilson Park on Dec. 30.

The skills competition consisted of skating, shooting and stickhandling. In the skating division, the contestants had to sprint from the center red line to the goal line and back again. Cones were set up for the stickhandling event, and the skaters had to steer through the course as quickly as they could. Then in the shooting division, the players had to shoot at a board covering the goal, with only the four corners and the center "five-hole" cut out.

Miskelley won the skating event, although he said he was not informed of his time. He also won the shooting event, hitting all four corner shots. He said he lost the stickhandling event by just two seconds.

"IT FELT REALLY great," Miskelley said of his win. "This was my third time trying out for it. I lost the first year, and was knocked out last year by my teammates Mike Guffey and Aaron Meyer. The third time was a charm."

He said it was a thrill to be on the Kiel Center ice, although he said that surface is not

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Granite Bowl sold; slated to close

By Howard Kee
Correspondent

On May 6, Granite Bowl in Granite City will become the third center in the St. Louis area to close since the end of the 1993-94 season last July. Village Bowl in Fenton and Corpus Christi Lanes closed earlier this season.

Granite Bowl has been purchased by Bowling Corporation of America, which operates three centers in the St. Louis area. Bowland in Granite City, Strike 'n Spare and Western on the St. Louis side

compose the trio.

DENNIS ROSS, proprietor of Granite Bowl said that "BCA made me a better offer and I figured it was best all around." Bowland and Granite Bowl are about two miles apart on Nameoki Road in Granite City. Ross retains ownership of the building and plans to devote his time to his real estate and construction companies. Part of the agreement stipulates that

there will not be another bowling center in the building and that Ross will not open another center in the area. He has no plans to operate another bowling center, he said.

Ross' father, Henry, opened Granite Bowl in 1961 and leased it to Brunswick Recreation Centers from 1966 until 1986, when Dennis took

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Trivial matters

1. When the Edwardsville High School baseball team had its 64-game winning streak in 1990-91, how many of those 64 games did the Tigers win by the 10-run rule?
2. Tom Pile's Tigers were 39-1 in 1991, losing the state title game. But what is the IHSAA record for most wins in one year by a baseball team?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

- Pan Am golf tourney**
The first Pan American Championship Golf Extravaganza will be held Monday, June 5 at Fox Creek Golf Course in Edwardsville.
- The event is being held in conjunction with the 1995 Pan American Infantile Division (age 11-12) Baseball Championship, to be held Aug. 2-13 at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.
- For more information, contact Pan Am Golf Extravaganza, c/o Fairview Heights Parks Dept., 100025 Elmwood Road, Fairview Heights, Ill., 60028, or call 397-8361.



Coming up

Girls set to kick off
Holly Farnsworth (left) and the Granite City High girls soccer team begin the 1995 season at 4 p.m. Friday with a home game against Incarnate Word Academy of St. Louis.

Trivia answers
1. Nine, including two postseason wins.
2. Joliet Catholic won an amazing 53 games in 1982.

Sports shorts

Softball teams needed

Teams are now being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for men's and coed softball leagues in Madison. Men's teams will play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and coed teams will play on Fridays. The league fee is \$325, and the entry deadline is April 6. For more information, call Jim Broadway at 451-1440.

Coaching clinic

A free soccer coaching clinic will be conducted by Granite City High School coach Gene Baker from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 1 at GCHS.

Baker, the boys and girls soccer coach at GCHS, will cover game strategies and player attitudes and will also have a question-and-answer session. Baker will then demonstrate some of his techniques during practice with the Granite City girls soccer team.

Coaches should meet at the brick building located at the back parking lot at GCHS. For more information, call George Schwendemann at 451-9527.

Golf tourney

The Granite City Sports Hall of Fame will hold a golf scramble tournament May 12 at the Legacy Golf Club. The tournament will have three flights and will tee off at 7 a.m.

The \$25 entry fee provides each golfer a shot at prizes, golf balls, food and beverages. Players will pay for their own greens fees and cart rental.

Cash prizes of \$100 will be awarded to closest to the pin on holes 8 and 14.

Entry fees may be mailed to Lee Thompson, 3250 Westchester, Granite City, prior to May 5. Names of the team's golfers, along with their handicaps, should be provided.

For more information, call Thompson at 876-7636.

The golf tournament is held in conjunction with the Hall of Fame's annual banquet and induction of honorees. Both individual tickets and reservations for tables of eight may be made by calling the Schenley Law Offices at 452-7122. Tickets are priced at \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Individual members of the Hall of Fame committee also have tickets available for purchase.

Hall of Fame seeking players
The Granite City Sports Hall of Fame is seeking players from the 1971-72 state champion Mercer women's softball team and varsity letter winners from the 1957 state runner-up Granite City High School wrestling team. Players' names, addresses and phone numbers are needed. To report information, call Hall of Fame vice chairman Tom Schooley at 452-7122.

MCGSA taking donations
The Madison County Girls



Consolation champs — The Mitchell Athletic Club's fourth and fifth grade girls basketball team won the consolation trophy at a fifth grade tournament sponsored by Holy Family School. The team won three of four games and outscored their opponents 84-30. Members of the team are pictured, front row from left, Amy Dix, Rebekah Biller, Jennifer Smiddy, Sara Legate, Summer Dougherty; middle row, Ashley Jones, Ashley Riverburgh, Julia Legate; back row, coaches Don Dix, Alan Legate, Glenn Riverburgh.

Soccer Association will be taking donations throughout the area Saturday, March 25. The organization is raising funds to cover costs for field maintenance and officials and other expenses. Donations may be made at 27th and Madison or at National, Shop and Save or Schnucks in Granite City.

Mitchell Khoury sign-ups
The Mitchell Athletic Club is extending Khoury League registration through the month of March. Registration will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Mitchell School gymnasium, 316 E. Chain of Rocks Road.

All players must register and will be placed on teams by year of birth. The fees for a schedule of at least 10 games are \$25 for T-Ball (ages 5-6), \$30 for softball (8-and-over); \$35 for coach-pitch baseball (age 7); and \$35 for baseball (age 7-Senior Legion).

Anyone interested in managing or umpiring may register or call L. Monroe at 797-1532 for more information.

Pontoon Khoury sign-ups
The Pontoon Beach Khoury League will hold sign-ups for the 1995 baseball and softball season on Mondays and Saturdays through March.

Sign-ups will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Hall and from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Tracy's Shirt Shop, 4084 Park Lane.

Registration requires an original and copy of child's birth certificate. League fees are \$20 for T-Ball and coach-pitch, \$30 for

baseball, \$20 for softball and \$35 for adult softball.

Youth players are needed for the 1995 season. Anyone interested in managing, coaching or umpiring may call Tracy at 931-1291 or Kathy at 797-6736.

Madison Khoury sign-ups
The Madison Khoury League will hold sign-ups for the 1995 baseball season at 7-8:30 p.m. March 28 at the Madison Recreation Center, 7th and Lee Streets.

All youths age 6-and-over must register during one of the two sessions to be eligible for play this summer. All registration forms and fees must be submitted by April 5 to be included on a team roster unless special arrangements are made through the league.

For more information, call Joe Garcia at 876-5735 or Scott Odum at 877-8329.

Baseball tourneys
The Dream Fields Inc. Sports Complex will play host to a series of St. Louis-area baseball tournaments open to Atom, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile teams beginning in April.

The first tournament, scheduled for April 7-9, is for Atom I and II teams. The entry fee is \$85. The second tournament, scheduled for April 27-29, is for Atom II, Bantam I and II, Midget I and Juvenile I teams. The entry fee is \$85.

Four games are guaranteed for the third tournament, scheduled to run May 26-29. It will be open to Atom II, Bantam I and II, Midget I and Juvenile I

I teams. For more information, call (314) 349-5004.

Baseball tournament

The Alton Baseball Association will hold a Memorial Day Tournament at Gordon Moore Park in Alton from May 25-28 for teams with players ages 12 and under. All teams will play at least three games. Cost is \$100 per team.

For more information, call Don Gore at 463-3580 or Rich Wooley (259-7804).

GCSSA tourney

Local teams are needed for the Granite City Steel Softball Association Tournament, scheduled to be held April 7-9.

Sixteen teams are needed for the Class D and Low C tournament. For more information, call 876-0680 or 876-7745.

Softball tourney

The Kirkwood Athletic Association will hold an ASA girls fastpitch tournament May 19-21 in St. Louis on its fields on Marshall Road. The tournament will feature competition among 8-and-under, 10-and-under, 12-and-under, 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams with a three-game guarantee.

Entry fees are \$75 for 8-and-under teams; \$100 for 10-and-under and 12-and-under teams; and \$125 for 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams.

For more information, call Don Lecker at (314) 576-5551.

Mother's Day tourney

Teams are being sought for the SLAM (St. Louis Area Mamas') Mother's Day ASA fastpitch softball tournament, scheduled to be held May 12-14.

The tournament is open to 8-and-under, 10-and-under, 12-and-under and 14-and-under teams, and will be held at the South County Athletic Association Dream Fields in South St. Louis County.

For more information, call Paul at (314) 225-9434 or Rodger at (314) 391-6888.

Women's softball league

Teams are needed for an open women's fastpitch doubleheader softball league to be played at Hartford. There will be a 14-game schedule and the first eight teams will be accepted. League play starts June 18, with teams playing one night per week.

Teams are also needed for an 18-and-under girls fastpitch tournament to be held June 10-11 in Hartford. It will be a round-robin in tournament and the first 12 to 15 teams will be accepted. The entry fee is \$15, send checks (payable to Royals) to Tony Zolner, 160 Tennessee, Granite City, Ill., 62040.

For more information, call Zolner at 931-4586.

Joe

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on strike and owners prepared to field replacement teams this season, many minor-league players have been placed in an enticing — yet uncomfortable — situation.

If the strike continues into opening day (April 3) and replacement teams are fielded, the players will be called "scabs." But Wallace has announced he will play if asked to do so.

CONSIDERING Wallace's misfortunes over the past two years, it's difficult to blame him. "This is an opportunity I might never get again," Wallace said. "I'm not putting all of my eggs in one basket. It would be a thrill to make the trip and play in St. Louis. We're all just up in the air. We're just going out there every day."

"Everybody's got that choice to make, and what I say is 'put yourself in my shoes.' Nothing is handed to you. You have to go out and earn everything you get."

Wallace, a former star at Oklahoma State University, found that out two years ago when he was released in the major league amateur draft. Wallace, who was drafted in 1990 as a high school senior in the 20th round by the Cincinnati Reds, opted for a career at Oklahoma State and helped lead the Cowboys to the College World Series as a junior in 1993.

BUT ACADEMIC troubles led to Wallace's departure from OSU that year. Soon after, he did not get selected in the draft, and then signed as a free agent with the Cardinals.

Wallace spent the rest of the 1993 season at Johnson City (Tenn.), the Cardinals' Advanced Rookie team, and batted .227. He was invited to spring training last year and was assigned to Madison.

Wallace hit .274, but played in just 36 games and was a backup to Greg Almond. Wallace's season became even more frustrating when it ended with him in the hospital.

Wallace had surgery to remove a kidney stone last August. The same week, Almond suffered a season-ending ankle injury, clearing the way for Wallace, who had already returned to St. Louis to undergo surgery.

"IT WAS ROUGH," Wallace said. "We just wanted to get through last year." Wallace's career has gained new life this spring in St. Louis, where he has competed along with a handful of catchers for a spot with the Cardinals. Wallace was not sure of his chances for several seasons.

Unlike most of the players in the Cardinals' camp, Wallace did not join the team until last week. In addition, Wallace was not drafted by the Cardinals and

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— Joe Wallace
1990 GCHS graduate

has been trying to outwork players who have been around longer.

"That's another reason I chose to do this," Wallace said. "It's like starting all over. The draft part was a factor. I really hope to make an impression. No matter what happens, they've seen me."

"It was kind of a shock when they asked me to come out. I just needed to get some playing time and catch up with the rest of the guys here. Mr. Torre and the others know that. They treat you great."

OVER THE PAST WEEK
Wallace has been evaluated by Cardinals catching instructor Dave Ricketts and has played almost every day since joining the team last Thursday. On Monday, Wallace caught seven innings and went 4-for-7 with a walk in a 7-3 loss to Kansas City. Wallace did not play Tuesday.

Wallace said the level of competition has been impressive — even without the presence of major-league veterans.

"A lot of people might not think it's like that because of the situation," Wallace said. "It's better than most levels I've been at. There are legitimate players here. The guys here have talent; there's no getting around it."

Wallace's two greatest assets are an exceptional arm and his defensive abilities.

"I HOPE THAT'S something that — if anything — will help me make the club," Wallace said. "If it doesn't happen for me, I've learned a lot. I've learned just so much in five days."

Wallace expected to learn as early as Wednesday what his future with the Cardinals will be — whether it's in St. Louis, Peoria or St. Petersburg.

If Wallace is asked to become a replacement player, he will look forward to two dates at Busch Stadium against the Philadelphia Phillies) and April 9.

On the latter date, the GCHS baseball team is scheduled to play Mount Vernon at Busch Stadium in a game preceding the Cardinals-Montreal Expos game. The Warriors might not be the only Granite City natives at Busch that day.

"That would be a storybook tale," Wallace said. "That would be just so exciting for me personally. That would make my year."

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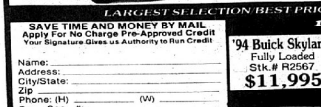
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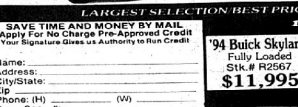
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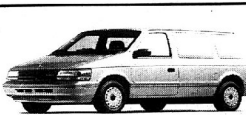
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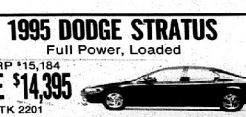


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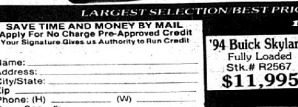


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ALTHOFF CRUSADERS	
March	4 p.m.
28 at Alton	4 p.m.
30 Waterloo	4 p.m.

April	
3 at CBC	4 p.m.
4 Alton	4:15 p.m.
6 Freeburg	4:30 p.m.
8 Belleville West (DH)	11 a.m.
11 at Breese Central	4:30 p.m.
12 at St. Louis	4:30 p.m.
13 at Central	4:30 p.m.
14 at Mater Dei	4:30 p.m.
20 Wescinn	4:30 p.m.
22 Peoria Tournament	TBA
24 Belleville East (DH)	4 p.m.
28 Granite City	4:15 p.m.
29 at Springfield Griffin (DH)	11 a.m.

May	
1 at Triad	4:30 p.m.
2 Lebanon	4:30 p.m.
3 at Mascoutah	4 p.m.
4 Cahokia	4 p.m.
9 O'Fallon	4:15 p.m.
9 Okaville	4:30 p.m.
10 at Wood River	4 p.m.
11 at Gibault	4:30 p.m.
12 at Lincoln	4 p.m.
13 *Roxana (DH)	11 a.m.
15 Mount Vernon	4:30 p.m.
*Home games at Sauget. All other home games at Longacre Park.	

CAHOKIA COMANCHES	
March	4 p.m.
23 at Collinsville	4 p.m.
24 East St. Louis	4 p.m.
27 at Dupo	4 p.m.
29 at Roxana	4 p.m.

April	
1 Alton (DH)	1 p.m.
5 ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
8 at Highland (DH)	4 p.m.
10 Roxana	4 p.m.
14 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
15 at Edwardsville	4:30 p.m.
16 at Gibault	4:30 p.m.
22 Jerseyville (DH)	11 a.m.
23 at O'Fallon (DH)	4:15 p.m.
27 Navy ROTC	4 p.m.
29 at Belleville East (DH)	10 a.m.

May	
1 Freeburg	4:30 p.m.
4 at Alton	4 p.m.
10 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
11 O'Fallon	4:15 p.m.
16 Vashon	4 p.m.
18 Triad	4:15 p.m.
20 at Belleville West (DH)	10 a.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS	
March	4 p.m.
23 Cahokia	4 p.m.
29 at Marquette	4 p.m.
31 O'Fallon	4 p.m.

April	
3 at Civic Memorial	4 p.m.
5 at Freeburg	4:15 p.m.
6 at St. Louis (DH)	4:15 p.m.
8 at Red Bud (DH)	11 a.m.
11 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
12 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
15 Columbia (DH)	Noon
19 Roxana	4:15 p.m.
21 at O'Fallon	4 p.m.

20 Granite City	4:15 p.m.
21 Chicago Clemente	3:30 p.m.
24 ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
29 at Highland (DH)	11 a.m.

May	
2 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
4 Alton	4:15 p.m.
5 Centralia	4:30 p.m.
6 Sacred Heart Griffin (DH)	Noon
9 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
11 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
12 Dupo	4 p.m.
13 Carbondale (DH)	11 a.m.
16 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
17 at Edwardsville	4 p.m.
18 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
22 Triad	4 p.m.

DUPO TIGERS	
March	4 p.m.
24 ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
29 Valmeyer	4 p.m.
30 Belleville East	4 p.m.

April	
1 Brussels (DH)	10 a.m.
5 at Chester	4:30 p.m.
10 Carlyle	4:30 p.m.
11 Triad	4:30 p.m.
12 at Columbia	4:30 p.m.
13 Gibault	4:30 p.m.
17 at Lebanon	4:30 p.m.
18 Alton Marquette	4 p.m.
19 Wescinn	4:30 p.m.
20 at Red Bud	4:30 p.m.
24 Freeburg	4:30 p.m.
25 Marissa	4:30 p.m.
26 at Breese Central	4:30 p.m.
27 Althoff	4 p.m.

May	
1 New Athens	4:30 p.m.
2 at Waterloo	4:30 p.m.
6 at Roxana	11 a.m.
11 at Staunton	4:15 p.m.
12 at Collinsville	4:30 p.m.
13 Waterloo (DH)	11 a.m.

EAST ST. LOUIS FLYERS	
March	4 p.m.
24 at Cahokia	4 p.m.
29 at Navy ROTC	4 p.m.
30 at DeSmet	4 p.m.

April	
4 at O'Fallon (DH)	4 p.m.
5 Leveoy	4:15 p.m.
6 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
7 Vashon	4:15 p.m.
11 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
12 at Althoff	4:15 p.m.
13 Alton	4:15 p.m.
18 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
20 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
27 at Columbia	4:30 p.m.

May	
2 at Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
4 DeSmet	4:15 p.m.
5 ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
8 at Vashon	4:15 p.m.
9 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
11 Granite City	4:15 p.m.
12 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
17 at Marion	4:15 p.m.
22 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.

ESL LINCOLN TIGERS	
March	4 p.m.
24 at Cahokia	4 p.m.
29 at Navy ROTC	4 p.m.
30 at DeSmet	4 p.m.

April	
4 at O'Fallon (DH)	4 p.m.
5 Leveoy	4:15 p.m.
6 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
7 Vashon	4:15 p.m.
11 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
12 at Althoff	4:15 p.m.
13 Alton	4:15 p.m.
18 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
20 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
27 at Columbia	4:30 p.m.

May	
2 at Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
4 DeSmet	4:15 p.m.
5 ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
8 at Vashon	4:15 p.m.
9 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
11 Granite City	4:15 p.m.
12 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
17 at Marion	4:15 p.m.
22 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.

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12 at Althoff	4:15 p.m.
13 Alton	4:15 p.m.
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20 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
27 at Columbia	4:30 p.m.

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11 Granite City	4:15 p.m.
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17 at Marion	4:15 p.m.
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17 at Marion	4:15 p.m.
22 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.



Scott Nemeth and the Warriors open the season Friday.

24 at Dupo	4 p.m.
31 Hillsboro	4:15 p.m.
4 Belleville East (at Longacre)	4 p.m.
5 at Cahokia	4:15 p.m.
10 at Edwardsville	4:30 p.m.
17 at Gibault (DH)	4:30 p.m.
20 at Valsley	4:30 p.m.
21 at Collinsville	4:30 p.m.
25 Lovejoy	4:30 p.m.
26 DeSmet	4 p.m.

April	
4 at Breese Central	4:15 p.m.
5 Centralia	4:30 p.m.
10 Gillespie	4:15 p.m.
11 at Dupo	4:30 p.m.
12 at Highland	4:15 p.m.
14 Mascoutah	4:15 p.m.
18 at Roxana	4:15 p.m.
19 at Jerseyville	4:15 p.m.
20 at Columbia	4:15 p.m.
21 Wood River	4:15 p.m.
22 Freeburg (DH)	11:00
26 Steeleville	4:30 p.m.
27 at New Athens	4:30 p.m.
29 at Wood River	10:00

May	
5 Valmeyer	4:30 p.m.
8 at Metro East Lutheran	4:30 p.m.
9 at Coulterville	4:30 p.m.
11 Althoff	4:30 p.m.
12 Red Bud (DH)	4:30 p.m.
13 Wescinn (DH)	11:00

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS	
March	4:15 p.m.
29 Freeburg	4:15 p.m.

April	
1 Highland (DH)	11 a.m.
3 McCluer North	4 p.m.
6 Roxana	4 p.m.
8 at Alton (DH)	1 p.m.
10 ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
12 at Belleville East	4 p.m.
15 at Wescinn (DH)	11 a.m.
18 at Hillsboro	4 p.m.
19 Cahokia	4 p.m.
21 Cahokia (DH)	11 a.m.
23 Jerseyville	TBA
26 Belleville West	6 p.m.
28 at Granite City	7:30 p.m.
29 at Triad (DH)	11 a.m.

May	
2 at O'Fallon	4:30 p.m.
4 DeSmet	4:30 p.m.
5 at Hazelwood West	4:15 p.m.
9 Marquette	4 p.m.
11 at Gillespie	4:15 p.m.
12 EHS Tournament	TBA
13 EHS Tournament	TBA
16 Althoff	4 p.m.
17 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
18 Wood River	4 p.m.
20 Civic Memorial (DH)	11 a.m.
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Auxiliary members at state meeting

The Eagles Auxiliary 1126 traveled to Shiloh on Saturday, Feb. 18, to attend the state officers weekend hosted by Shiloh Auxiliary 545.

Those attending from Granite City were Joanna Spencer, Rose Piechocinski, Mildred Boyd, Angie Buehler, Vincine Zerlan, Florence "Fuzz" Hagnauer, Martha Simpson, Vera Johnson, Millie Weatherford, Ellen Wallace, Dorothy Landfried, Elvira Glas, Ann Pates and Ruth Jorgensen.

The 10 a.m. meeting was opened by Judy Blaes, Shiloh president, and the following officers: Thais Herbert, vice president; Barbara Wright, chaplain; Marilyn Seper, junior past president; Margie Wright, conductor; Evelyn Jacob, secretary; Kathy Dullea, treasurer; Pat Haake, inside guard; and Paula Hager, outside guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all 49 members in attendance. The conductor escorted all state officers and chairmen into the room. Those officers presented gifts from the Shiloh Auxiliary were Dianna Garrison, state madam president; Glenna Garwood, Stephanie Smith; Theresa McWhinney; Karen Fiest; Pauline Bowen; Wanda Trent; Helen Meyers; Kathy Dullea; Elaine Jaegle; Marilyn Oyen; Jean Seper; Mary Stogner; Rita Cuoco; Ruth Jorgensen; and Audrey Stradlin, Northern Zone co-membership chairman.

The gavel was turned over to the District 7 Ritual Team, Marilyn Oyen, pro-tem president; Elaine Jaegle, pro-tem vice president; Kathy Dullea, pro-tem junior past president; Judy Demko, pro-tem chaplain; Helen Meyer, conductor; Angie Buehler, pro-tem inside guard; and Thais Herbert, pro-tem secretary. They performed the initiation ceremony for 11 new members of the Shiloh Auxiliary.

Speeches were given by the state officers and chairmen, welcoming one and all, working on membership, ways to encourage reenrollment, activities to attract more members and future upcoming meetings and activities.

The meeting was followed by a luncheon, entertainment and a joint banquet with entertainment by The 5-5 Beyond.

Awards were presented at this time.

Card club takes a trip

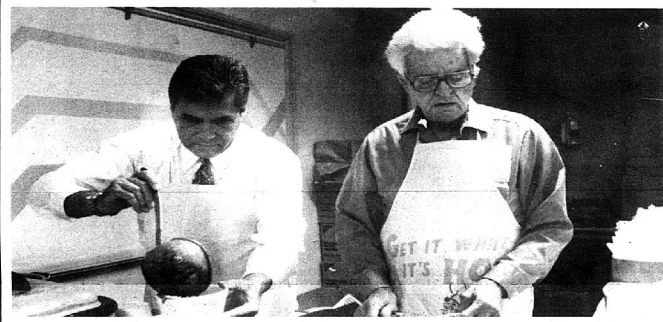
The Butterfly Card Club members recently participated in Thomas Memorial Mortuary's "Walk-On" program, which was lunch and a day on the Admiral.

Later, the group met at the home of Harriet Hoff for dessert. The group presented Edith Ryan with a gift honoring her birthday.

Prizes were awarded for playing pinocle to Ryan, Thelma Schmidt, Mary Lou Claussen and Nell Talley. Ilene Willis won the honors prize.

Along with the before-mentioned members, also present were Hazel Rollins, Catherine Hommert, Juanita Rosenberg and Lorraine McIlvoy. Lois Evans and Mary Baumberger attended as guests.

Claussen will host the March meeting.



(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Chili Day — The annual Granite City Rotary Chili Day was held March 7 at the Niedringhaus United Methodist Church. At left, Nick Mangoff pours a pot of chili into serving pot. Above, Glenn Abernethy gets the dessert table in order by putting out cupcakes. Below, Harold Johnson, left, and Elmer Stille work together to keep the take-out line moving. At right, Bill Terrell gets soda ready for the lunch crowd. All profits from the chili day are returned to the community through the Rotary's ongoing community projects.



Beta Sigma Phi making plans

The February meetings of the Omicron Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi were held in the homes of Lora Mae Lombardi and Bea Brackett. Alice Konieczny gave a program on Russia at the first meeting, and Arlene Haldeman gave a program on Spain at the second meeting.

The prizes for the month were won by Evelyn Tolliver, Juanita Calve and Konieczny.

A Valentine's Day party was held in the Brackett home with a gift exchange and games. Plans were made for the March social, a movie and dessert night out. Other members of the chapter are Ruth Stoyanoff, Joyce Alexander, Imogene Forrest, Pat Tsigalaroff and Delores Dorch.

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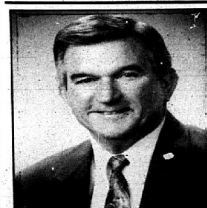
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News from local classrooms...



Good students — Marshall Elementary School students of the month of January are, from left, back row: Rachel Cato, Crystal Weiser, John Sappington, Gabe Davis and Principal Vince Rogier; second row: Amy Porter, April Agers, Jennifer Nicholson and Erin Pritchard; front row: Jenna Griffin, Roxanne Mathenia, Becky Gesang, Shawn Tankley and Brittany Colp. Students are selected for the honor based on scholastic achievement, good behavior and appropriate skills.

BAC honors announced

The following local students have been named to Belleville Area College's Fall 1994 Honor Roll as released by Ted Lewis, vice president for Student Development:

Granite City
David Atchison, Niall Baggot, John Beckland, Kimberly Bonda, Ray Cox, Katherine Crumpler, Keri Cunningham, Deanna Dolosic, Leigh Feehey, Jill Haddix, Christopher Harrison, Stanley Hecht, John Jones, Rebecca McArthur, Lisa Pacheco, Eddy Trim.

High Honors (3.5 to 3.99) — Patricia Addison, Kari Bennett, Kelly Bernaia, Judith Bertram, Cathy Bosserman, David Boone, Lance Christian, Larry Crews, Marvin Denton, Jayme Duckworth, Jon Durrett, Craig Eudy, Bridgette Flowers, Ryan Frakes, Richard Franklin, James Gultues, Allison Hatcher, Kathy Humie, Jason Ivie, Eric Jones, Debra Kalela, Viva Leibold, Sherry Lester, Julia Melillo, Lia Mendoza, Keita Miller, Eric Miner, Jennifer Naeye, Heather Nail, Brenda Padgett, Kimberly Pierson, Doris Pulley, Corey Reed, Lisa Ress, Carolyn Rykowski, Jason Schannot, Wilbur Schaulis, Rebecca Shaver, Matthew Smithers, Susan Valentine, Linda Valle, Greta Wittmann.
Honors (3.0 to 3.49) — Thomas Andrews, Emilee Bailey, Tamara Batson, Renee Biggs, Kimberly Bronnbauer, Katrina Butler, Jo

Cardin, Candy Carnes, Nancy Carr, Andrea Cline, Keith Coakley, Douglas Conrad, Donald Cooper, Mitchal Corrado, Thomas Cox, David Davis, Robert Duffield, Tonya Fleming, Jonathan Galbreath, Scott Gauvin, Angelo Grady, Judith Greco, Emma Harshaw, Christina Hutchins, Stefanie Jacobs, Stoyanka Jeliazkova, Timothy Johnson, Kimberly Kramer, Andrea Lackey, Stephanie Mann, Shawnee McIntosh, Tonya Miller, Mary Mitchell, Shaun Moran, Christy Mowell, Tammy Muir, Gerlean Parker, Sherry Richardson, Stacy Ritchie, Laura Schannot, George Schwager, Katherin Sirmannotham, Kevin Siltton, Daniel Smith, Brandy Strader, Alice Taylor, Greg Weckman, George Wilkerson.

Madison
Perfect Grade Point (4.0) — Silvanus Acquaye.

High Honors (3.5 to 3.99) — Ulys Burton, Tanya Champion, Lashonda Davis, Lois Dugan.

Honors (3.0 to 3.49) — Craig Brown, Patricia Crook, Christopher Greer, Sondra Schaffer.

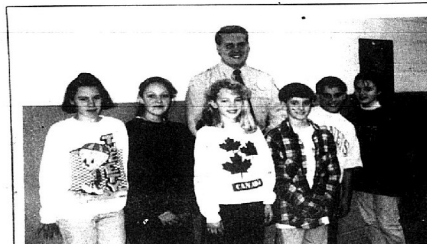
Pontoon Beach
Honors (3.0 to 3.49) — George Siler.

Venice
High Honors (3.5 to 3.99) — Bridget Brasfield, Donna Terrell.

Honors (3.0 to 3.49) — Tamiko Brent, Fraunka Enlow, Rolissa Pointer.

Delay receives Eastern Illinois honor

Donna Marie Delay of Granite City has been named to the dean's list at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston for the fall semester. To be named to the list, a student must be in the top 10 percent of his or her college while carrying a full course load.



Essay winners — Frohardt Elementary School students recently competed in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program's essay contest. Pictured with DARE officer Daryl May, from left, are Amber Heuser, Katherine Murphy, Denise Mueller, Danny Fergusson, Aaron Brimer and Kristen Orsborn. Murphy's essay was selected as a winner and was read at the DARE graduation Jan. 18. The others received honorable mention.



DARE donation — The Frohardt Elementary School Parent Teacher Association recently presented a \$150 check to the Granite City DARE program. Pictured from left are Frohardt Principal Cindy Mills; DARE essay contest winner Katherine Murphy; DARE officer Daryl May; and Kim Affolter, PTA vice president.



Buddy system — Two classes at Prather School show that the buddy system works. Jan Janek's sixth-grade class and Dee Wright's first-grade class meet often to share activities. Recently, the sixth-graders showed the first-graders how to start their science projects. At left, Jonathan Causey, left, works with his partner Kenny Buskirk. Above, Lindsey White, left, and Jennifer McCormick work together.

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